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# Determinant representation, Jacobi sum and de Rham discriminant

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We give a description of the Galois action on the determinant of cohomologies of  $\ell$ -adic sheaves on varieties in terms of Jacobi sum Hecke characters and of the de Rham discriminant for general base fields. Let  $k$  be an arbitrary base field,  $U$  be a smooth scheme over  $k$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  be a smooth  $\ell$ -adic sheaf for  $\ell \neq \text{ch}k$ . We consider one-dimensional  $\ell$ -adic representation

$$\det R\Gamma_c(U_{\bar{k}}, \mathcal{F}) = \bigotimes_i \det H_c^i(U_{\bar{k}}, \mathcal{F})^{\otimes (-1)^i}$$

of  $\text{Gal}(k^{sep}/k)$ .

**Results.** 1. Constant coefficient.

First we consider the constant coefficient case. If we assume the resolution of singularity, the problem is reduced to the proper case. Let  $X$  be a proper smooth variety over a field  $k$  of dimension  $n$  and  $\chi$  be the Euler characteristic of  $X_{\bar{k}}$ . Then it follows immediately from Poincare duality that

$$\det R\Gamma(X_{\bar{k}}, \mathbb{Q}_{\ell}) = \mathbb{Q}_{\ell}(-\frac{1}{2}n\chi) \otimes \begin{cases} 1, & n \text{ odd}, \\ \kappa, & n \text{ even}. \end{cases}$$

for some character  $\kappa$  of order at most 2 of  $\text{Gal}(k^{ab}/k)$ .

**THEOREM 1.** Assume  $\text{ch}k \neq 2$ ,  $X$  is projective and  $n = 2m = \dim X$  is even. Let  $\delta_X \in k^{\times}/(k^{\times})^2$  be the discriminant of the cup product on the de Rham cohomology  $H_{dR}^n(X/k)$  which is a non-degenerate symmetric bilinear form and let  $b^- = \sum_{i < n} \dim H_{dR}^i(X/k)$ . Then the character  $\kappa$  corresponds to the quadratic extension  $k(\sqrt{(-1)^{m\chi+b^-}\delta_X})/k$ .

**Remark.** When  $k$  is finite and  $n = 2m$  even, Tate conjecture implies that  $\kappa_{et}$  is trivial if and only if the rank of  $CH^m(X_{k'})_h/CH^m(X_k)_h$  is even. Here the suffix  $h$  denotes modulo the homological equivalence and  $k'$  is the quadratic extension of  $k$ . In particular if  $\kappa$  is not trivial, there is an algebraic cycle of  $X_{\bar{k}}$  not defined over  $k$ .

2. General coefficient.

We proceed to a general coefficient. Let  $k, U$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  be as above.

THEOREM 2. We assume

- (1) There is a projective and smooth variety  $X$  over  $k$  containing  $U$  such that the complement  $D = X - U$  is a divisor with simple normal crossings.
- (2) The ramification of  $\mathcal{F}$  along  $D$  is tame.
- (3) The sheaf  $\mathcal{F}$  is defined on a model of  $U$  defined over a ring of finite type over  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

Then we have

$$\det R\Gamma_c(U_{\bar{k}}, \mathcal{F}) \otimes \det R\Gamma_c(U_{\bar{k}}, \mathbb{Q}_\ell)^{\otimes -\text{rank } \mathcal{F}} = c_{X,U/k}^*(\det \mathcal{F}) \otimes J_{D,\mathcal{F}}^{\otimes -1}$$

as one-dimensional  $\ell$ -adic representations of  $\text{Gal}(k^{ab}/k)$ .

The precise definition of the right hand side will be given later. A rough idea is as follows. The first term is the pull-back of the determinant character  $\det \mathcal{F}$  of  $\pi_1(U)^{\text{ab,tame}}$  to  $\text{Gal}(k^{ab}/k)$  by the pairing with the relative canonical class  $c_{X,U/k} \in CH_0(X, D)$ . The second term  $J_{D,\mathcal{F}}$  denotes a Jacobi sum Hecke character, which is determined by the ramification datum of  $\rho$  along  $D$ .

COROLLARY. If  $k$  is an algebraic number field, the  $\ell$ -adic representation  $J_{D,\mathcal{F}}$  is defined by an algebraic Hecke character.

Theorem 1 solves the conjecture (3.11) of [O] affirmatively. By Theorem 2 together with a formula for period integral (joint work with T.Terasoma), we verify a part of a conjecture of Deligne [D2] Conjecture 8.1 (iii): A motive of rank 1 is defined by an algebraic Hecke character, in certain cases.

**Definitions.** 1. Canonical cycle.

First, we define the relative Chow group  $CH_0(X, D)$  of dimension 0 and the relative canonical cycle  $c_{X,U/k} \in CH_0(X, D)$ . Let  $X$  be a smooth scheme over a field  $k$  of dimension  $n$  and  $D = \cup_{i \in I} D_i$  be a divisor with simple normal crossings. Let  $\mathcal{K}_n(X)$  denotes the sheaf of Quillen's K-theory on  $X_{\text{Zar}}$ . Namely the Zariski sheafification of the presheaf  $U \mapsto K_n(U)$ . Let  $\mathcal{K}_n(X, D)$  be the complex  $[\mathcal{K}_n(X) \rightarrow \oplus_i \mathcal{K}_n(D_i)]$ . Here  $\mathcal{K}_n(X)$  is put on degree 0 and  $\mathcal{K}_n(D_i)$  denotes their direct image on  $X$ . We call the hypercohomology  $H^n(X, \mathcal{K}_n(X, D))$  the relative Chow group of dimension 0 and write

$$CH_0(X, D) = H^n(X, \mathcal{K}_n(X, D)).$$

We define the relative canonical class

$$c_{X,U/k} = (-1)^n c_n(\Omega_{X/k}^1(\log D), \text{res}) \in CH_0(X, D).$$

Let  $V$  be the covariant vector bundle associated to the locally free  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module  $\Omega_{X/k}^1(\log D)$  of rank  $n$ . For each irreducible component  $D_i$ , let  $\Delta_i = r_i^{-1}(1)$ . Here  $r_i : V|_{D_i} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}_{D_i}^1$  is induced by the Poincare residue  $res_i : \Omega_{X/k}^1(\log D)|_{D_i} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{D_i}$  and  $1 \in \mathbb{A}^1$  is the 1-section. Let  $\mathcal{K}_n(V, \Delta)$  be the complex  $[\mathcal{K}_n(V) \rightarrow \oplus_i \mathcal{K}_n(\Delta_i)]$  defined similarly as above and  $\{0\} \subset V$  be the zero section. Then we have

$$H_{\{0\}}^n(V, \mathcal{K}_n(V, \Delta)) \simeq H_{\{0\}}^n(V, \mathcal{K}_n(V)) \simeq H^0(X, \mathbb{Z})$$

$\downarrow$

$$H^n(V, \mathcal{K}_n(V, \Delta)) \simeq H^n(X, \mathcal{K}_n(X, D)) = CH_0(X, D)$$

by the purity and homotopy property of K-cohomology. The relative top chern class  $c_n(\Omega_{X/k}^1(\log D), res) \in CH_0(X, D)$  is defined as the image of  $1 \in H^0(X, \mathbb{Z})$ .

Next we consider the canonical pairing

$$CH_0(X, D) \times \text{Gal}(k^{ab}/k) \rightarrow \pi_1(U)^{ab, \text{tame}}.$$

For its definition require an adelic description of the group  $CH_0(X, D)$ , we only give a definition of a quotient

$$CH_0(X) \times \text{Gal}(k^{ab}/k) \rightarrow \pi_1(X)^{ab}.$$

It is characterized by the following property. For a closed point  $x \in X$ , the pairing with the class  $[x]$  coincides with the inseparable degree times the Galois transfer followed by  $i_{x*}$  for  $i_x : x \rightarrow X$

$$\text{Gal}(k^{ab}/k) \xrightarrow{tr_{\kappa(x)/k} \times [\kappa(x):k]_i} \text{Gal}(\kappa(x)^{ab}/\kappa(x)) \xrightarrow{i_{x*}} \pi_1(X)^{ab}.$$

The required reciprocity law follows from the fact that  $\mathbb{P}^1$  is simply connected

Remark. If  $k$  is finite, the pairing  $CH_0(X) \times \hat{\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow \pi_1^{ab}(X)$  coincides with the reciprocity map of higher dimensional unramified class field theory.

For a smooth  $\ell$ -adic sheaf  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $U$  tamely ramified along  $D$ , the determinant  $\det \mathcal{F}$  determines an  $\ell$ -adic character of  $\pi_1(U)^{ab, \text{tame}}$ . Therefore by pulling it back by the pairing with  $c_{X, U/k}$ , we obtain the first term  $c_{X, U/k}^*(\det \mathcal{F})$ .

## 2. Jacobi sum.

We call a Jacobi datum on  $k$  a triple  $(T, \chi, n)$  as follows

- (1)  $T = (k_i)_{i \in I}$  is a finite family of finite separable extensions of  $k$ .
- (2)  $\chi = (\chi_i)_{i \in I}$  is a family of characters  $\chi_i : \mu_{d_i}(k_i)$  of the group of  $d_i$ -th roots of unity for some integer  $d_i$  invertible in  $k$  such that  $\mu_{d_i} \simeq \mathbb{Z}/d_i$  on  $k_i$ .
- (3)  $n = (n_i)_{i \in I}$  is a family of integers.

satisfying the condition

$$\prod_{i \in I} N_{k_i/k}(\chi_i)^{n_i} = 1.$$

Here the norm  $N_{k_i/k}(\chi_i) : \zeta \in \mu_{d_i}(\bar{k}) \rightarrow \chi_i(N_{k_i/k}(\zeta))$  is the product of the conjugates. It is easy to see that each  $N_{k_i/k}(\chi_i)$  factors some  $\mu_{d'_i}$  such that  $d'_i | d_i$  and  $\mu_{d'_i} \simeq \mathbb{Z}/d'_i$  on  $S$ . The product is taken as a character of  $\mu_{d,k}$  for some common multiple of  $d'_i$ 's which is invertible on  $k$ .

If  $k$  is finite of order  $q$ , we define the Jacobi sum  $j_\chi = j_{T,\chi,n}$  for each Jacobi datum  $(T, \chi, n)$  on  $k$  by

$$j_\chi = \prod_{i \in I} (\tau_{k_i}(\bar{\chi}_i, \psi_0 \circ \text{Tr}_{k_i/k}))^{n_i}.$$

Here if  $k_i$  is of order  $q_i$ ,  $\bar{\chi}_i$  is a multiplicative character of  $k_i$  defined by  $\bar{\chi}_i(a) = \chi_i(a^{(q_i-1)/d_i})$  for  $a \in k_i^\times$ ,  $\psi_0$  is a non-trivial additive character of  $k$  and  $\tau$  denotes the Gauss sum  $\tau_E(\chi, \psi) = -\sum_{a \in E^\times} \chi^{-1}(a)\psi(a)$ . The Jacobi sum  $j_\chi$  is independent of choice of  $\psi_0$  by the condition  $\prod_{i \in I} N_{k_i/k}(\chi_i)^{n_i} = 1$ . In fact the product of the restrictions  $\prod_j \bar{\chi}_{ij}|_{k^\times}$  coincides with  $N_{k_i/k}(\chi_i)$  regarded as a character of  $\mu_{q-1}(k) = k^\times$ .

To each Jacobi datum  $(T, \chi, n)$  on a field  $k$ , we define an  $\ell$ -adic representation  $J_\chi$  of  $\text{Gal}(k^{sep}/k)$  as follows. A Jacobi datum on  $k$  is defined on a normal ring  $A$  of finite type over  $\mathbb{Z}$ . The representation  $J_\chi$  is the pull-back of one of  $\pi_1(\text{Spec } A)^{\text{ab}}$  characterized by the following condition: For each closed point  $s$  of  $\text{Spec } A$ , the action of the geometric Frobenius  $Fr_s$  at  $s$  is given by the multiplication by the Jacobi sum  $J_\chi(s)$  defined by the reduction of the Jacobi datum  $(T, \chi, n)$  at  $s$ . Uniqueness follows from the Cebotarev density and the existence is essentially shown in SGA 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Let  $U$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  be as in Theorem 1 and we define a Jacobi datum on  $k$  associated to the ramification of  $\mathcal{F}$  along  $D$ . Let  $k_{i,i \in I}$  be the constant field of irreducible components  $D_i$  of  $D$ . Let  $\rho$  be the  $\ell$ -adic representation of  $\pi_1(U, \bar{x})^{\text{tame}}$  corresponding to  $\mathcal{F}$ . The kernel  $\pi_1(U, \bar{x})^{\text{tame}} \rightarrow \pi_1(X, \bar{x})$  is the normal subgroup topologically generated by the local monodromy groups  $\hat{Z}'(1)_{D_i}$  along  $D_i$ 's where  $\hat{Z}'(1) = \varprojlim \mu_d$  with  $d$  invertible in  $k$ . Let  $\rho_i$  be the restriction of  $\rho$  to  $\hat{Z}'(1)_{D_i} \simeq \hat{Z}'(1)_{k_i}$ . By the assumption of the existence of a model of finite type over  $\mathbb{Z}$  and by the monodromy theorem of Grothendieck, the restrictions  $\rho_i$ 's are quasi-unipotent. Namely the action of  $\hat{Z}'(1)$  on the semi-simplification  $\rho_i^{ss}$  factors a finite quotient. Hence we can decompose it in the form  $\rho_i^{ss} \simeq \bigoplus_{j \in I_i} \text{Tr}_{k_{ij}/k_i}(\chi_{ij})$ . Here

$k_{ij}$  is the finite extension of  $k_i$  obtained by adjoining the  $d_{ij}$ -th roots of unity,  $\chi_{ij}$  is a character of  $\mu_{d_{ij}}(k_{ij})$  of order  $d_{ij}$  and  $\text{Tr}$  denotes the direct sum of the conjugates. For  $i \in I$ , let  $D_i^* = D_i - \bigcup_{j \neq i} D_j$  and  $c_i$  be the Euler number of  $D_i^* \otimes_{k_i} \bar{k}_i$ . Thus we obtain a triple  $(T, \chi, n)$  by putting the index set  $\bar{I} = \coprod_i I_i$ ,  $T = (k_{ij})$ ,  $\chi = (\chi_{ij})$  and  $n = (n_{ij})$  with  $n_{ij} = c_i$  for  $i \in I$  and  $j \in I_i$ . The second term  $J_{D, \mathcal{F}}$  is defined as the  $\ell$ -adic representation determined by the Jacobi datum  $(T, \chi, n)$ .

### Outline of proof.

For the detail of the proof, we refer to [S1] and [S2]. We give an outline of the proof of theorems. By a standard argument using Cebotarev density and specialization, we may assume  $k$  is finite. Then the determinant of the Frobenius is the constant of the functional equation of the L-function. We apply the product formula of Deligne-Laumon [D1], [L] for the constant by taking a Lefschetz pencil [SGA7]. For theorem 1, we show that the local terms are the Hessians at the singularities of the pencil and relate them to the de Rham discriminant using the Picard-Lefschetz formula (loc.cit).

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